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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Matthew WARDEN et al.

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: Examiner: Michael G. MENDOZA

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For: Method and Instrument for Thermal Suture Cutting

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action, mailed April 29, 2005, be extended for a second month, from August 29, 2005 to on or before September 29, 2005.

The fee for extension of time set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) is \$450.00 However, as the period for response has previously been extended one month, to August 29, 2005, the fee for this petition is the difference between the fee identified above (\$450.00) and the fee previously paid (\$120.00) or \$330.00. Accordingly, Applicants enclose herewith Check No. 1434 in the amount \$1,120.00, of which \$330.00 is directed to the instant extension of time and \$790.00 is directed to the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

Respectfully submitted,

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